

C1 surface extending into the rear surface of the main body and being positioned to face the V-shaped slot, wherein the nail-head receiving recess is one of partially conically shaped and partially pyramidally shaped and an imaginary line representing an innermost portion of the nail-head receiving recess surface relative to the rear surface of the main body inclines at a fixed angle relative to the vertical axis.

2. (Twice Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head according to claim 1, wherein the nail-head receiving recess is positioned vertically on the rear surface of the main body relative to the curvature of the claw so that a longitudinal axis of a nail is substantially parallel to the horizontal axis and substantially perpendicular to the transverse axis and the vertical axis of the main body when a shank of the nail is held by the V-shaped slot in the claw and a head of the nail is received by the nail-head receiving recess.

C2 4. (Twice Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head according to claim 1, wherein the partially conically shaped nail-head receiving recess is defined by a nail-head receiving recess curved surface curving about a conical axis extending generally parallel with the vertical axis and a flat surface intersecting the curved surface.

5. (Twice Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head, comprising:
a main body disposed along and about a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a transverse axis which intersect one another perpendicularly at a point of intersection to define a center of mass, the main body having a top surface and a rear surface with the rear surface including a nail-head receiving recess formed therein; and a claw connected to the rear surface of the main body at a first end and forming a fulcrum surface with the top surface, the claw curving about the point of intersection and disposed apart from the rear surface, the claw terminating at a second end opposite the first end with a pair of claw sections defining a V-shaped slot therebetween, the nail-head receiving recess being positioned to face the V-shaped slot,

2 wherein the nail-head receiving recess has a curved surface extending into the rear surface of the main body and curving about a conical axis extending generally parallel with the vertical axis and a flat surface intersecting the curved surface and the flat surface is disposed between the curved surface and the point of intersection.

10. (Thrice Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head for holding a conventional nail having a shank portion and a nail head portion connected to the shank portion, the nail-setting claw hammer head comprising:

3 a main body disposed along and about a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a transverse axis which intersect one another perpendicularly at a point of intersection to define a center of mass, the main body having a front surface, a top surface and a rear surface with the rear surface including a nail-head receiving recess formed therein and defined by a nail-head receiving recess surface extending into the rear surface of the main body;

an impact member connected to and projecting from the front surface, the impact member having a neck and a hammer face; and

a claw connected to the rear surface of the main body at a first end and forming a fulcrum surface with the top surface, the claw curving about the point of intersection and disposed apart from the rear surface, the claw terminating at a second end opposite the first end with a pair of claw sections defining a V-shaped slot therebetween, the nail-head receiving recess positioned to face the V-shaped slot such that the nail-head receiving recess is sized and adapted to receive the nail head portion of the nail and the V-shaped slot is sized and adapted to receive the shank portion of the nail in order to wedge the shank portion therein,

wherein the nail-head receiving recess is one of partially conically shaped and partially pyramiddally shaped and an imaginary line representing an innermost portion of the nail-head receiving recess surface relative to the rear surface of the main body inclines at a fixed angle relative to the vertical axis.

13. (Twice Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head for holding a conventional nail having a shank portion and a nail head portion connected to the shank portion, the nail-setting claw hammer head comprising:

C4 a main body disposed along and about a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a transverse axis which intersect one another perpendicularly at a point of intersection to define a center of mass, the main body having a front surface, a top surface and a rear surface with the rear surface including a nail-head receiving recess formed and defined by a nail-head receiving recess surface extending into the rear surface of the main body;

an impact member connected to and projecting from the front surface, the impact member having a neck and a hammer face; and

a claw connected to the rear surface of the main body at a first end and forming a fulcrum surface with the top surface, the claw curving about the point of intersection and disposed apart from the rear surface, the claw terminating at a second end opposite the first end with a pair of claw sections defining a V-shaped slot therebetween, the nail-head receiving recess positioned to face the V-shaped slot such that the nail-head receiving recess is sized and adapted to receive the nail head portion of the nail and the V-shaped slot is sized and adapted to receive the shank portion of the nail in order to wedge the shank portion therein, wherein the nail-head receiving recess surface has a curved surface portion curving about a conical axis extending generally parallel with the vertical axis and a flat surface portion intersecting the curved surface portion.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-18 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 13 are amended.

Claims 2, 5-8, 10, 11 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The claims are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.